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Baby Vanesa Returns to Utah

9 week old Vanesa Ochoa safely returned to Utah yesterday. Vanesa was last seen with her mother, Sheila Crump, while receiving medical treatment at Primary Children's Medical Center. An Endangered Person Advisory was released on Thursday, September 25; Vanesa and Sheila were found on Friday, September 26 in Tennessee.

Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) would like to thank the media, the public and our community partners – specifically law enforcement – for their support and commitment to Vanesa's safe return. We understand and appreciate the public's constant concern for the children and families with whom we work. Due to safety concerns, specific to this case, we were able to include them in our efforts to protect Vanesa.

Vanesa was born on August 3, at which time she tested positive for fetal drug exposure and had a low birth weight. Due to this and other safety concerns the Court ordered DCFS to take custody of Vanesa on August 4. Vanesa remains in the custody of DCFS and will be in the temporary care of a licensed foster family pending further orders from the Court.

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